Construction of the Bridge at Varapuzha.

248. *MR. A. K. KUMARAN VAIDYAN (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state why they are delaying the construction of the bridge sanctioned to be built at the(ഉണ്ടാകണം) east of the customs house at Varapuzha in Parur taluk?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: The work is being expedited and will be completed soon.

Circular re: the behaviour of the Police towards the public.

249. *MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM: Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a copy of the instructions recently issued by the Inspector-General of Police relating to the behaviour of the Police towards the public?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY: A *copy of the circular containing the instructions is placed on the table.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: When the circular is marked "strictly confidential," may I know how the copy of the circular has been published?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY: I was also wondering about the matter. Perhaps Government knows better and they see things ahead. They thought it would be advisable to publish it and hence the circular has been made known to the public.

PRESIDENT: Obviously the fact of the circular having been issued must have been disclosed by some person whose conduct will of course be investigated. A great statesman once said that the best way of giving publicity to any papers is to mark them 'secret' or 'confidential.' Then it is sure to appear the next day in all the newspapers.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: May I know from the member what he means by "It would seem that the press has rather overdrawn the picture."

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY: What I mean is that the criticism that there is enormous corruption, lack of morality, bad behaviour and drunkenness is not correct to that extent. That is why I stated that the press has rather overdrawn the picture. I grant that there was something.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: May I know whether, in the opinion of the member, the circular has done a lot of improvement to the irregularity of the police?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY: I see that the results are rather good.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: If the circular could effect the moral improvement, may I know why the Inspector-General of Police did not issue the circular before so that the irregularities of the police might be done away with earlier?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY: When the matter was brought to my notice I thought it was time that I should issue a circular and I have done so.

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